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1. On 15 January 1951 the SED Politburo appointed a committee for the support of the impending strike in the Ruhr area. The following are the members of the committee:

Franz Dahlen
Willy Stoph
Roman Chwalek
Herbert Jarnecke
Karl Schirdewan
Bruno Fuhrmann
Adolf Deter

2. SED leaders are convinced that the strike will take place, and will presumably begin as scheduled on 31 January. The Politburo's plan calls for complete support of the DGB strike campaign with both money and workers. However, the SED action is to be camouflaged as representing an initiative taken by individual factory groups, in the form of money contributions and strike delegations. Any such delegations sent to the Ruhr district from East Germany will be instructed not to resort to violence, but merely to add to the general confusion by "mass agitation".

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